

Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment- Group 1

From: Mariana <mparedes15@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 8:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Truth Act Public Comment for 12/7/20 Board Meeting



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To whom it may concern:

I am unable to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on 12/7/2020, which will address the TRUTH Act; however, I would like to submit a public comment.

Below are my comments for your consideration:

- No community member should be punished twice simply because that person is an immigrant.
- Detention center transfers put all of us at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread.
- The spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants, and immigrants/refugees of color.
- Incarceration and deportation are not effective ways to address harm or crime in communities
- Santa Barbara County must keep up with other California counties that have already put protections in place for their immigrant community members.

Thank you for your time,

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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Mie Romming <cinnel7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 11:15 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: TRUTH Act Forum- Immigrants Deserve Equal Treatment

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My name is Mieko Romming, I live in Ojai, but attended Santa Barbara City College, and would spend time in Santa Barbara regularly before COVID-19 began.

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office is not providing transparency and accountability to the Attorney General. This is completely unacceptable.

The Sheriff's Office should not require ICE notifications for every person. They should not conflate ICE notifications and transfers. They should not allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late.

I am writing to demand that Santa Barbara County keep up with other California counties that already protect immigrant rights. Individuals shouldn't be punished twice just because they are immigrants.

The spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurt Black and Brown immigrants and refugees. Detention center transfers put all of us at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread.

Incarceration and deportation are not effective methods to address or stop harm in our communities.

Santa Barbara must take a stand to protect the safety of our immigrant community.

Thank you,
Mieko

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Ella Richie DeMaria <ellarichiedemaria@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 10:44 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public comment regarding ICE detention centers

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SB County must do better to protect immigrants and must immediately stop the incarceration and deportation policies of ICE. This is a horrific human rights abuse that cannot continue to go on.

Thank you,
Ella Richie DeMaria

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Sage Gerson <sage.gerson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 10:51 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for 12/8/20 for Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisor Meeting

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Good morning,

My name is Sage Gerson and I am a resident of Goleta, CA. I'm emailing to submit a public comment for the 12/8 Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisor Meeting demanding that the Sheriff Department and the Board of Supervisors stop all ICE notifications and transfers and put an end to the painful separations of our communities and families. The Sheriff's Office is not providing transparency and accountability to the Attorney General. The Sheriff's Office should not:

- Require ICE notifications for every person
- Conflate ICE notifications and transfers
- Allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late (ICE detainer).

Importantly, the spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color. Furthermore, and fundamentally, incarceration and deportation is not an effective way to address or stop harm in our communities. In sum, I am disappointed and disgusted that Santa Barbara County has not kept up with other CA counties that already protect immigrants. Individuals shouldn't be punished twice just because they are immigrants.

Sincerely,

Sage

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Morgan Leafe <morganleafe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 12:31 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comments for 12/8 meeting

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Hello,

I would like to submit the following comments for tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting.

I am concerned that the Sheriff's Office is not providing transparency & accountability to the Attorney General. The Sheriff's Office should not require ICE notifications for every person, conflate ICE notifications and transfers, allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late (ICE detainer), and individuals shouldn't be punished twice just because they are immigrants.

As a physician, I am greatly concerned that detention center transfers put all of us at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread and we know that the spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color.

Incarceration and deportation is not an effective way to address or stop harm in our communities and SB County must keep up with other CA counties that already protect immigrants.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cheers,
Morgan Leafe, MD, MHA

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Kathleen M Sharum <ksharum@me.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 1:54 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: 12/8/20 BOS Meeting - Comment for Departmental Agenda Item #6

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Honorable Chair and Supervisors;

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important report--the annual Truth Act Report.

I have deep concerns with the way the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's office continues to be less than transparent about its cooperation with ICE. Its work with ICE to deport and separate families is an abomination that must be stopped. In a county that relies so heavily on immigrants to sustain our economy, not only in the best of times but as essential workers in these the worst of times with COVID-19, why are we not backing our immigrants and protecting them? The following are but a few of the reasons that the Sheriff's office and ICE working to deport non-citizens is a bad idea:

-We know that holding immigrants in detention centers exacerbates the problem of spreading COVID-19 and is just one other way that the virus disproportionately harms immigrants and refugees of color. We also know that it is inhumane to separate families through deportation. Do the hard work of finding humane solutions that don't include incarceration and deportation.

-Not every immigrant is a criminal; stop the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's office from reporting every person to ICE. By extension the collaboration between the Sheriff's office and ICE leads to silence in our communities. The fear of deportation should not prevent reports of real crimes and dangers that affect us all. In the neighborhood where I live in Santa Maria it's easy to identify the rental units where the landlord does absolutely nothing to take care of the properties. Renters don't report buildings that are in disrepair (and likely safety issues), most probably for fear of the ultimate threat of deportation. Families suffering from domestic violence should feel safe to report such acts to police but if they are afraid of deportation, they may not. Again, these things affect all of us whether we are the immigrants or not.

Immigrants here illegally have been a huge part of California's history. They are drivers of our economy, they are small business owners, they provide essential services and most importantly they are our neighbors, our friends, our community! They should not be treated as if they are anything less.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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Ramirez, Angelica

From: David Dennis <ddennis@me.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 2:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment for Departmental Agenda Item #6, BOS Meeting 12/28/2020 - Truth Act

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Dear Honorable Chair and Supervisors,

Incarceration and deportation is not an effective way to address or stop harm in our communities. Our immigrant communities fear that if they report a crime or call police for assistance, they will be affected by deportation policies. We do not want members of our communities to be afraid to report crimes.

Our sheriff's office should not alert ICE of undocumented immigrants, when not required by law, and should not share the names of inmates in custody online. They should only answer calls from the agency. They should not require ICE notifications for every person, combine ICE notifications and transfers and allow deputies to wait extra time when ICE is late. Our Sheriff's Office must follow the letter and intent of state law.

Respectfully,

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